6516208877.txt

AM/FM radio has its place ... and it's not in the future. The broadcasting industry as a whole is not motivated by innovation, as it is a government-subsidized institution; instead, the industry focuses on maintaining the status quo. Radio stations are used by their owners to support their political views and increase ratings, not to deliver important and necessary information ort provide quality entertainment to the American public. I would not be surprised if radio station owners put more money into the NAB than they do into the salaries of their support staff. As a result, the lobbyists of the NAB are hitting Washington D.C., trying to convince our lawmakers to run scared from progress, as they do. These tactics may work because Congress and captains of industry hail from the same demographic—an aging population that, in general, does not know much about new technology. In particular, certain members of this generation may not be able to fathom an innovative technology, like XM Radio, that millions of listeners are willing to pay \$10 per month for in lieu of listening to free radio. You must oppose HR-4026 if you are unafraid of progress.